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RE: **Assertion of Small Entity Status**  
U.S. Patent No.: 6,956,944  
Filed: December 14, 1999  
Title: Method and Apparatus for Compensating for an Echo Signal  
Component in Telecommunication Systems  
Our Reference No.: 40552-3108

Dear Sir or Madam:

Please accept this as an assertion of small entity status for the above-referenced patent. The owner of this patent is a small entity and is entitled to small entity status.

The undersigned is authorized to sign this request under 37 CFR 1.33(b)(2).

The Applicant thanks you for your time and cooperation. Please contact the undersigned with any questions or concerns.

Best regards,

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